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Michigan Lifeline Program - Voice Only

Do you currently have landline telephone service and want to lower the bill?

If you are low-income, you may be eligible for a discount on basic local telephone service. The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) urges qualifying residents to apply for the Michigan Lifeline program. This program makes basic local telephone service more affordable for income-eligible families throughout Michigan. If you qualify, you can receive a discount for monthly telephone service.

Michigan Lifeline benefits if income eligible:

- Under age 65 receive a discount of \$8.25 to \$11.25 per month (discount varies depending on service provider)
- Age 65 or older receive a minimum discount of \$12.35 per month

How do I apply for Lifeline?

Contact your local landline telephone company to apply.

You may also contact the MPSC, at 800-292-9555, for a list of <u>participating wireline</u> <u>companies</u>.

*Companies may require annual re-enrollment and verification of income eligibility.

Who is eligible?

The following are the current eligibility criteria for Michigan. To qualify for Lifeline, your household income must be at or below the guidelines listed in the chart, or you must participate in one of the following assistance programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or
- The National School Lunch Program (free and reduced price lunch)

150% of 2019 Poverty Guideline	
Number of Household Members	Annual Income (AGI)
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145
For each additional household member, add: \$6,630	

